## NEWS REPORTER IDENTIFICATION CARD RULES-REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations will govern the issuance and use of the News Reporter Identification Card:

- 1. Applicants for the News Reporter Identification card must meet the following qualifications:
  - A. MUST be regularly employed as:
    - 1. A Daily Newspaper Reporter
    - 2. A Television News Reporter
    - 3. A Radio News Reporter
    - 4. A News Magazine reporter
    - 5. A Recognized News Gathering Agency Reporter
  - B. Regularly employed means full time as a Reporter devoting a significant portion of employment time to police news for Daily Newspapers, Television Stations or Networks, Radio Stations, News Magazines, or News Gathering Agency.
- The applicant's qualifications will be subject to the final approval of the Governing Board.
  - A. The card shall remain the exclusive property of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Dept. of State Police, the Boston Police Dept., and the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association. The recipient shall have only the right to use thereof.
  - B. If a report of misuse of the card is brought to the attention of the Governing Board, the Board shall have the right to recall said card. The card MUST be returned within seven days of notification to the Public Affairs Section, Massachusetts State Police, Framingham, MA.
  - C. If a news reporter issued a card changes his status and no longer meets the qualifications as specified in Section One above, the card shall be returned to the Public Affairs Section, Massachusetts State Police, Framingham, MA
  - D. A news reporter cardholder shall immediately notify the Public Affairs Section, Massachusetts State Police of any change in employer or employment.
  - E. A lost or stolen card must be IMMEDIATELY reported to the Public Affairs Section, Massachusetts State Police, Framingham, MA.
- 3. The Governing Board shall consist of:
  - 1. The Superintendent, Massachusetts State Police as Co-Chairman
  - 2. The Commissioner, Boston Police Department as Co-Chairman
  - 3. The President, Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association
  - 4. The Senior Officer, Public Affairs Section, MA State Police
  - 5. The Public Affairs Director, Boston Police Department
  - 6. The Executive Board, The Board of Directors, and two members appointed by the President of the Boston Press Photographers Association Inc.
- 4. The card shall be used only by the person to whom it was issued.
- 5. The applicant may not have been convicted of a felony and agrees that he/she may be subject to a background check by the Massachusetts State Police.

## **NEWS REPORTER IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATION**

NAME		
ADDRESS		
CITY/STATE		
TELEPHONE		
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	SEX	HEIGHT
FULL-TIME STAFF REPORTER AT:		
ADDRESS		
CITY/STATE		
TELEPHONE		
SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR ACKNOWLEDGING APPLICANT FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT AS A STAFF NEWS REPORTER		

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

TITLE

I have read the rules, regulations and application of the Massachusetts news reporter identification card fully and I hereby agree to abide by them. Failure to do so on my part means automatic forfeiture of all rights. My signature above attests to this fact.

DATE

Do you hold a Reporter I.D. Card? If yes, list number

Massachusetts State Police, Public Affairs Section, 470 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01702-5351